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Dear Al:

I was glad we had some chance to get together, brief as it was. I'm sorry for your wild goose chase out to the airport.

I hope I wasn't being too stingy in quoting possible salaries. Most of us in Genetics would be disappointed if the offer materialized at less than  $1 \times 10^3$  more than the figure I quoted. I hope I did put sufficient stress on the policy of advancement which has been practised quite consistently here.

These figures are for 'calendar year' appointments, viz. with nominally one month's vacation per year. (This of course does not include business trips of any description— meetings, research visits, etc.) I do not think the administration would be anxious to deviate from this form of appointment as a matter of policy; but I also think you would have no trouble in making your own arrangements from year to year.

I should also mention the uncomplicated fact that Esther is on salary here, albeit from grant funds, should this be of ultimate interest to Jill.

What I do want to stress to you is that we are not going to be able to proceed at all until we have had some word from you on this issue of graduate students. It is hard for me to believe that this is an issue, but some of my colleagues may have made a misinference on your feelings and plans on this subject.

You already know my general feelings; I hope nothing silly or at cross-purposes can keep you from coming out here.

All the best for 1958,

Yours

  
Joshua Lederberg